

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

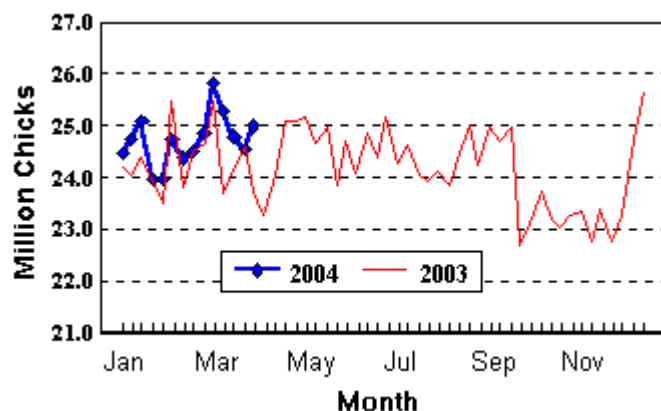
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending April 3, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 3, 2004 were 346.5 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.8 million, up 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

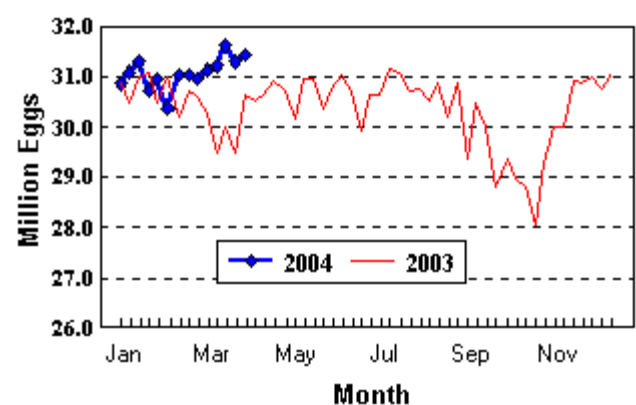
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 3, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Feb. 28	24,680	24,911	101	25,645	25,002	97	30,603	30,948	101
Mar. 6	25,491	25,837	101	25,042	25,559	102	30,315	31,160	103
Mar. 13	23,738	25,314	107	25,582	25,468	100	29,522	31,225	106
Mar. 20	24,173	24,832	103	25,419	25,561	101	29,982	31,636	106
Mar. 27	24,592	24,554	100	25,098	25,833	103	29,511	31,331	106
Apr. 3	23,750	25,018	105	24,422	25,848	106	30,672	31,453	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



# BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr		28-Feb	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr	
Alabama	30,067 *	29,537	29,773	30,354	106	21,906	21,665	21,839 *	22,282	21,787 *	21,846	102
ARKANSAS	31,225	31,636	31,331	31,453	103	24,911	25,837	25,314	24,832	24,554	25,018	105
Delaware	3,716 *	3,611	3,834	3,738	97	4,512	4,145	4,799	5,372	4,928	4,562	87
Florida	1,334	1,349	1,337	1,343	80	1,449	1,718	1,791	1,622	1,507 *	1,540	96
Georgia	32,833 *	32,201	32,685	32,159	99	26,370	26,205	26,331	26,135 *	25,683 *	25,963	104
Kentucky	7,099	6,685	7,176	7,244	105	6,184	5,716	5,957	5,632	5,680	5,944	112
Louisiana 2/	3,742	3,742	3,787	3,877	105	3,448	3,522	3,605	3,957	3,870	3,778	100
Maryland	8,826	8,923	8,875	8,880	88	5,815	6,312	5,633	5,099	5,890	6,134	93
Mississippi	19,173	19,113	19,179	19,459	101	16,379	16,485	16,503	16,208	16,428	16,617	103
N. Carolina	18,925 *	19,195	18,611	19,033	99	14,229	14,409	15,107 *	14,689	14,615	15,120	101
Oklahoma	6,442	6,568	6,585	6,526	99	4,842	4,087	5,038	5,545	5,278	5,033	104
Pennsylvania	3,997	4,028	4,007	3,952	99	2,638	2,668	2,622	2,778	2,884	2,826	106
S. Carolina	3,836	3,694	3,781	3,392	69	3,795	3,980	3,721	4,097	4,714	4,179	99
Texas	15,101	15,109	15,397	15,436	103	12,125	12,320	12,354	12,428	12,438	12,529	103
Virginia	6,606	6,734	6,834	6,662	102	4,890	5,093	4,992	5,685	5,606	5,183	97
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,719	17,829	17,738 *	17,687	104	14,826	15,065 *	15,079 *	15,298 *	16,306 *	15,999	109
Total 2004	210,641 *	209,954	210,930 *	211,195		168,319	169,227 *	170,685 *	171,659 *	172,168 *	172,271	
Total 2003	204,958	206,460	205,168	210,423		163,548	165,230	167,239	169,125	169,325	167,811	
%Prev. Year	103	102	103	100		103	102	102	101	102	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Beginning this week, Louisiana numbers will be published separately.

## EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 211 million eggs during the week ending April 3, 2004. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 3, 2004 were 2.36 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.